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Applicant : Y. KIYOTOKI et al  
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ALLOY AND DEVICE USING THE SAME  
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Respectfully submitted,

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AA	4,080,198	03/21/78	Heyer et al		
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